(d) if so, the findings thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (e). The Government is aware of the allegations reported into the *Indian Express* of 9.3.92 and 13.3.92 regarding the alleged involvement of some doctors in AIIMS and other hospitals relating to prescription of certain medicines to patients and advising them to buy the same from specific shops only and that these medicines are being manufactured by one of the doctors involved at saket, New Delhi. On the basis of the preliminary enquiry and reports received, the concerned doctors of AIIMS has been placed under suspension w.e.f. 20.3.92 and the CBI have been requested to urgently enquire into the reported scandal.

Appointment of Registrars

4260. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to appoint bureaucrats as Registrars in the Universities.

(b) if so, the details thereof including the reasons for changes in the existing practice;

(c) whether the proposal is to be implemented during current year;

(d) if so,the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Appointments to the posts of Registrars in Central Universities are made by the Universities themselves in accordance with the Rules prescribed under their respective Acts and Statutes. Under the existing rules a persons with postgraduate degree with at least 55% marks and 15 years of administrative experience of which 8 years should be as Deputy Registrar or equivalent post, is also eligible for appointment as Registrar in Central Universities.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

[Tr*anslation*]

Rail Link to Karauli (Sawai Madhopur)

4261. SHRIMATI KRISHENENDRA KAUR DEEPA): Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to link Karauli of Sawai Madhopur district with railway line; and

(b) if so, the time by which this work is likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) does not arise.

[*English*]

Infection at Government Hospitals

4262. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "High infection rate at Government hospitals" appearing in the 'Tribune' dated February 1, 1992;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the specific steps taken to check the spread of infection and other diseases in Government hospitals and dispensaries in Delhi and in other parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been reported by Government Rajindra Hospital that in all the cases mentioned in the news item, infection was acquired by the patients out-side the hospital before their admission in the hospital.

(c) To check the spread of infection and other diseases in Government hospitals and dispensaries, adequate steps are taken to ensure general cleanliness and requisite standards of environmental sanitation. To ensure removal of environmental sources of contain ination, appropriate measures of sterilisation and disinfection such as laminar flow ventilation and provision of air curtains in strategic points like I.C.Vs and CCUS are adopted. In addition, strict measures of aspesis during all invasive procedures *viz.*, use of gowns, masks, head overs, gloves, disposable items, restriction of traffic in OT/ high risk area are adopted alongwith chemical sterilisation and autoclaving of instruments.

Many Government hospitals also have a hospital Infection Control Committee to monitor the incidences and prevalances of infection and to advise Hospital authorities on the Hospital infection problem.

Economic Viability of Passenger Traffic

4263. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH HOODA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any indepth study by experts to ascertain the factors responsible for incurring financial losses on account of passenger traffic;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures being taken in this regard, and

(c) the names of the top ten revenue earning superfast passenger trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) does not arise.

(c) Train-wise revenue earnings are not maintained.

[*Translation*]

Stoppage of Delhi Bombay AC Express at Kota

4264. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide stoppage of Delhi-Bombay AC Express at Kota in view of its industrial importance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 2951/2952 New Delhi-Bombay Rajdhani Express is already stopping at Kota.

[*English*]

Centrally Sponsored Immunisation Programme in Rajasthan

4265. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts in Rajasthan where Centrally sponsored immunisation programme is in force;

(b) whether the Government have introduce expanded immunisation programme in some other districts in that State: